

George F. Collins

Washington, D. C.

MR. COLLINS is a lawyer. He was born in St. Louis, Mo., in 1876, and secured his early education in the primary and high schools and a business college in his native city, afterward entering the Law School of Howard University, Washington,



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D. C., where he was graduated with honors in the class of 1901 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

After graduation Mr. Collins decided to remain in Washington, where he was admitted to practice in October, 1901, on examination by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. He immediately opened offices and has since built up a large and lucrative practice, being constantly engaged before the United States courts and the various governmental departments.

He is secretary of the Rising Sun Lodge 1365, G. U. O. of O. F.; of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society of the District of Columbia; corresponding secretary of the Negro Business League; secretary and treasurer of the Business League Herald Publishing Company; secretary and manager of the Columbia Benefit Association; financial secretary of the Law School Alumni of Howard University; secretary of the National Negro Bar Association, and secretary of the National Negro Press Association. In the councils of the National Negro Business League he is active and influential.

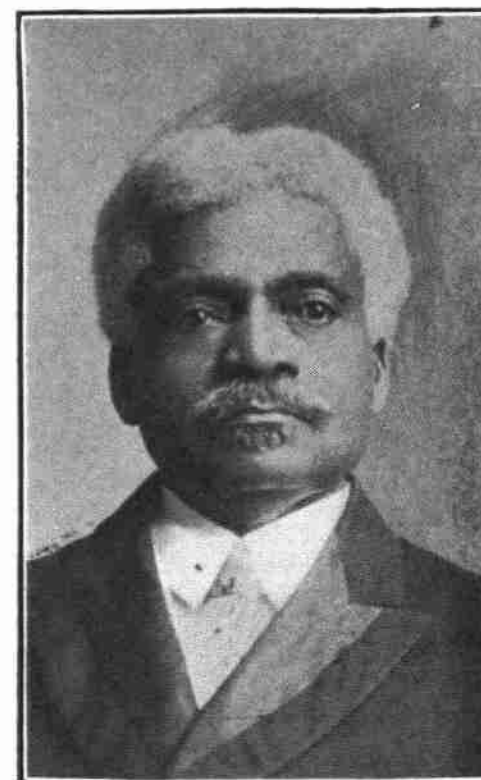
The Republican National Committee selected him as one of the supervisors of the election for delegates from the District of Columbia to the National Convention at Chicago, June, 1908. He is the only member of his race ever honored with the position of commissioner of deeds in this country, which position he holds for the state of New Jersey.

Mr. Collins is a highly respected member of the bar, and has earned a fine reputation in the civil branches of the law. He combines legal knowledge and experience with the true business instinct and an immense capacity for work. He was married, on Christmas Day, 1907, to Miss Bertha Grace Howard, a daughter of Rev. William J. Howard, D.D., pastor of Zion Baptist Church of Washington, D. C.

George L. Knox

Indianapolis, Ind.

MR. KNOX has been, since 1897, proprietor and editor of *The Freeman*, an illustrated paper of large circulation and influence. He was born a slave on a plantation in Wilson County, Tennessee, September 16, 1841.



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During the Civil War his master espoused the cause of the Confederacy, and, as a matter of safe keeping, thought it better that "his man" accompany him to the front, and he found himself a part of the army of the South. George later escaped to the Union Army, where he was welcomed and employed as a teamster. At the close of his service he made his way North, and, after many trials, succeeded in reaching Greenfield, Ind., where he established himself in the barber business, made a success, accumulated

some property, and became prominent in the affairs of the community. At the age of twenty-six he began his first lessons, reciting to a tutor that he employed for that purpose. The strides he has made considering the time he began in his life work have been commented on favorably by those who know him. In 1884 he moved to Indianapolis and opened a barber shop, later establishing the famous "Bates House Shop," costing \$10,000. He now, in addition to his newspaper business, conducts two barber shops considered among the best in the state. Twenty-six persons find employment in these two business places.

Mr. Knox is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has served as a lay delegate on two occasions to the General Conference. At the Indianapolis International Convention of the Epworth Leagues, in 1899, he was a member of the Committee of Arrangements. He has served as delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention, being the only Negro north of Mason and Dixon's line being thus accepted. He recently made an unsuccessful race for Congress. Mr. Knox has large property interests in Indianapolis. He is a member of the National Negro Business League, and one of the Executive Committee of the National Negro Press Association.